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**Testimony on Senate Bill 234
Senator Neal Kedzie
Senate Committee on Transportation, Tourism,
Forestry and Natural Resources
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Senator Holperin, members of the Committee, thank you for holding a hearing today on Senate Bill 234.

I am joined today by my co-author, State Representative Tom Lothian, as well as Dr. Bill Duncan, Vice President and Chief Academic Officer from George Williams College of Aurora University, who brought this issue to our attention.

Under current law, no person or entity in charge of a public place may allow the consumption of alcohol in the public place unless they have an appropriate retail license or permit. There are many exceptions to this law, such as municipal and county property, churches, and certain athletic fields and stadiums. In those cases, the owner or entity in charge has the authority over whether or not to allow the consumption of alcohol.

Senate Bill 234 would include "campuses of private colleges, as defined in S. 16.99 (3g), at the place and time an event sponsored by the private college is being held" under the list of existing exemptions. Again, this would allow the private college to make the decision as to whether or not to allow the consumption of alcohol at events they hold.

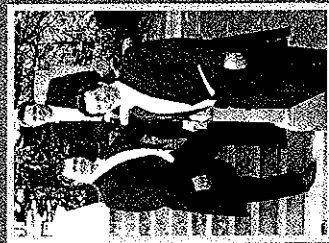
This issue was brought forward to us by George Williams College in relation to their Music by the Lake Series. Each year, they have series of musical performances in their outside pavilion. In addition to their reserved seating area, they also have a picnic area where guests are allowed to bring in their own food and beverage. Recently, George Williams College was notified by local law enforcement that state law prohibited guests to the Music by the Lake Series from bringing and consuming their own alcoholic beverages. Senate Bill 234 was drafted to address not only this specific issue, but to provide private colleges throughout the state the ability to make their own determination as to whether or not people who attend events on their campuses can consume alcoholic beverages at those events.

Thank you for your consideration of Senate Bill 234, and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Music by the Lake 2001–2008



► The 2001 season featured soprano and Grammy winner Sylvia McNair accompanied by Ted Taylor. The sold-out performance by conductor Frank Winkler and the Chicago Symphony featured a salute to Hollywood. The first revival season ended with a Young Artists Performance.



◀ The sixth season of Music by the Lake featured Peter Nero and members of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra. The Ramsey Lewis Trio, "The Student Prince," an operetta, and The Irish Tenors with Arnie Roth and members of the Chicago Land Pops Orchestra.

Mission and Vision

The mission of the Music by the Lake summer festival is to present and create excellent musical programs for the enrichment, education and entertainment of our friends, neighbors, and visitors in the Geneva Lake community. As a program offered by George Williams College of Aurora University, the Music by the Lake festival embodies the following values:

- A belief in the transformative potential of the arts to elevate the human spirit and to change individuals and societies for the better.
- A commitment to enhancing the cultural and intellectual life of the Geneva Lake community.
- A dedication to providing varied, accessible and affordable musical experiences to participants of all ages and traditions.

2005

Music by the Lake celebrated its fifth season with much success. —a year of growth and achievement attended by thousands of friends and neighbors enjoying the festival.

2006

On July 9, the festival celebrated its sixth season.

2010

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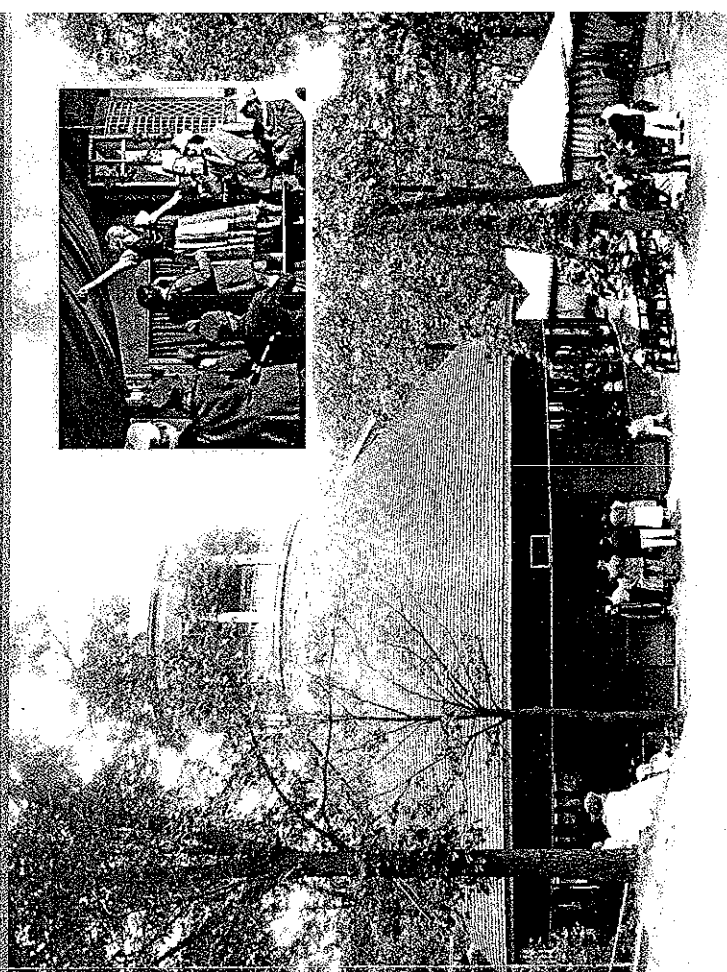
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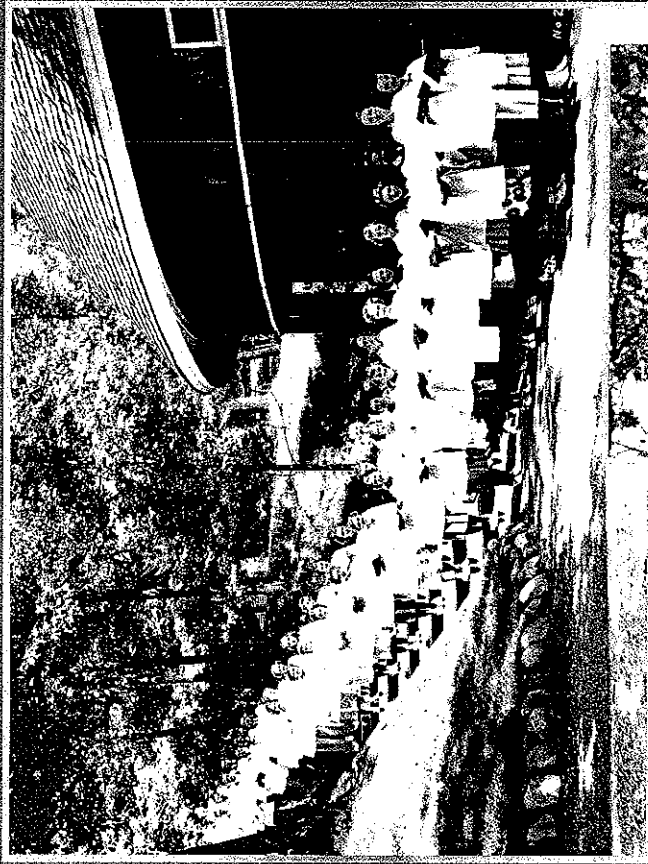


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The Legacy of Music by the Lake



From Tabernacle to Lewis Auditorium

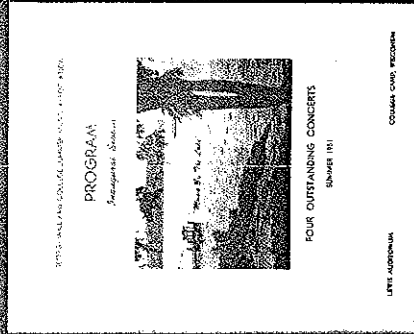


▲ College Camp Choir, 1938

► Lewis Auditorium was located in a central location on the George Williams College campus.



Music by the Lake 1951-1969



▲ Doc Severinsen played both classical and popular selections accompanied by a professional instrumental group at the 15th Annual Music by the Lake in 1965. The following year John Denver appeared as a member of The Mitchell Trio and Sheryl Squires was featured.



◀ The inaugural season in 1957 featured the De Paul Inland Chorus, Williams Kappel, Elena Nikolaidi, and Three Young Artists. Isaac Stern performed at Music by the Lake in 1952 and Robert Merrill appeared in 1955.

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